

CHAIR CHEATED. NOW DENIES IT.

Charles Morris Cuts His Throat From Ear to Ear.

Under Sentence of Death for the Murder of the Douthett Couple,

He Was About to Be Removed from Cells at the Penitentiary Annex—Morris Would Have Been the First Victim of the New Mode of Execution.

CORONADO, April 15.—Charles Morris, a colored man who was sentenced a few days ago to be hung and had not yet been removed to the state prison committed suicide in the jail at Xalpa Wednesday evening, cutting his throat from ear to ear with a razor. The sheriff had gone to the cell to get him and take him to the state prison when he whipped out the razor and cut his throat.

Morris was convicted of the murder of Jonathan Douthett and his wife ten years ago. He was arrested at the time and dismissed, but afterward, while sick and thinking he was about to make a confession and when he believed he was arrested, tried and convicted.

The body was removed to Moore & Broadstone's undertaking establishment, where it was viewed by thousands of excited people. The county will lose about \$3,000 and costs, which could have been recovered from the state if Morris had been taken to Columbus. Where Morris got the razor is a mystery, but it is supposed he had it hidden away for an emergency.

EX-GOV. MCKINLEY.

To Be Found to the End by the American Friends Society.

OMAHA, Neb., April 16.—H. A. Thompson, of the executive committee of the national advisory board of the A. P. A., arrived Wednesday morning direct from Cincinnati, where he had decided to oppose McKinley. Mr. Thompson was met by the local and state leaders of the order and laid down the law absolutely that McKinley was to be fought to the end. He bluntly informed the order of his support for him, even since the Cincinnati meeting. Mr. Thompson declared that the state convention to be held Wednesday evening would be called to order to protest the decision to let Louis, the local members of the order who were amongst the most enthusiastic McKinleyites in the McKinley-Manderson fight a month ago agreed to do what they could to knock out the present programme of the state convention.

BIG DYNAMITE EXPLOSION,
School Building, Which Has Been a Bone of Contention for Several Years, Finally Wrecked.

SAGINAW, Mich., April 16.—The central school building on the west side was wrecked by dynamite early Wednesday morning, with the exception of the largest and the big schools on that side of the river and for years has been a bone of contention. At two o'clock a terrific explosion occurred which wrecked the building, and which was followed by fire. A portion of the library was also destroyed. The building contained 27 rooms and had a capacity of 800 pupils. The loss is \$40,000, and \$27,000 has been expended in efforts to be made to unearth the dynamites. J. W. Burnham, who was watching the fire was run down by a bicycle and probably fatally injured.

Crooked Election Official Fired.

MADRID, April 16.—Owing to the irregularities in handling the votes polled in the elections, and the presidents of the electoral boards in Madrid have been fined 100 pesetas each. The liberal candidates elected in Madrid will probably resign. The judges had ordered the marquis of Cabrera to appear before the court of justice for having accused the municipal council of Madrid of corrupt practices. The marquis has refused to furnish the hall required, declaring that the charges he made are true, and that he would prefer to go to prison rather than furnish bonds.

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Stabbed Her Husband to Death.

PHILADELPHIA, April 16.—John Kane, aged 45 years, was stabbed to death by his wife, Lizzie, aged 40, at 12:30 a.m. Wednesday morning at their home, No. 534 Lombard street. The woman is in custody. It is stated that Kane and his wife became engaged in an altercation during which the woman seized the knife from the kitchen and struck him a vicious blow at her husband. He stepped aside and received the blow in the groin. An artery was severed and he died almost instantly.

Four Convicts Make Their Escape.

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., April 16.—Four convicts who had been held in prison Tuesday night by sealing the walls. They are still at large. Six were in the conspiracy. Two weakened at the last minute, and were bound, gagged and powdered into boxes and sent to the rear. They were among the hardest prisoners in the institution.

The Printing of Postage Stamps.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The senate committee on post offices and post roads, which had been ordered to make a favorable report on an amendment to the sundry civil bill throwing open to competition the contract for printing postage stamps, the bureau of engraving and printing, now doing the work, having the right to compete.

Romulus Cotell Makes a Startling Statement.

He Declares He Did Not Kill the Stone Couple and Ira Stillson.

His Confession of a Week Ago, He Says, Made Under Great Duress—He Also Denies Knowledge of Having Confessed Committing the Terrible Crime.

AXON, Ok., April 16.—One week ago Wednesday Romulus Cotell, alias John Smith, made the startling announcement that he had wilfully murdered Alvin C. Karpis and Harry L. Ira Stillson. Wednesday he made another announcement, which, although not so great as the first, has caused excitement. He said to the United Press correspondent at noon Wednesday that he did not commit the murder, and that his confession of a week ago was made without any knowledge of his whereabouts. He further stated he was positive that he would be released from trial on the strength of his statement, and that he was unimpeded who would bring in a verdict of guilty against him. He says he knows nothing whatever of having made a confession, and further states that he was not present when his confessor had committed the murders. Cotell made the above statement to the United Press correspondent during a conversation while the prisoner was eating his dinner.

The announcement by the prisoner is causing no end of talk among attorneys and officials. It has leaked out that the prisoner's attorneys will set up a claim that Cotell made the confession, the hands of his confessor under great duress, and that he was not himself when he made the statement.

Freight Train Derailed.

Engineer and Brakeman Killed and Fireman Badly Injured.

MEADVILLE, Pa., April 16.—The third section of Erie freight train, 80 cars, which had been run over Wednesday night, was stopped before Meadville, about eight miles west of this city. Seventeen cars were piled up in a mass. Engineer Patrick J. O'Leary and Brakeman John M. Farland is probably fatally injured and Fireman Elmer Bush and A. M. Wier badly bruised. All the trainmen reside in this city. Seven cars are completely derailed and the total damage is estimated at \$600.

The train was a two-car derailed.

Sale of Diphtheria Serum Prohibited.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Ambassador Uhri, in his first cablegram to the state department, since reaching Berlin, informs the secretary of state that the German government has prohibited the manufacture and sale of "Control No. 40," a character of the serum manufactured for the cure of diphtheria. Germany has a rigid control over all these manufacturers, and reserves the right to suppress those found deficient or dangerous.

Secretary Carlisle Speaks in Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 16.—One of the most interesting features of the meeting Wednesday night with people who came to hear the address of Secretary Carlisle on currency and finance. Several hundred people stood through the entire address, and when the speaker moved west being unable to gain admittance. The secretary remained a heroic welcome and was loudly cheered upon entering the hall.

Damaged by a Windstorm.

FALMOUTH, S. D., April 16.—A telegram from the state legislature informed their constituents as to the date of the annual convention on the second Tuesday in January instead of April, and that the nominations for national officers must be sent to the national convention at the time of the election before the national convention. A motion to spend more money in organizing West Virginia was referred to the executive board.

A resolution was adopted settling for that the uniformity contract agreement in the Pittsburgh district had failed for want of signatures of a sufficient number of operators, and that as it is evident intention of those who signed is to have the contract attempted to be watched and any attempt to cut wages, promptly and fairly resisted.

The Joke Marriage Holds Good.

CHICAGO, April 16.—Judge Brentano, declared Wednesday that he could not join the joint meeting of the legislative and the congressional bar in Madrid, but the liberal candidates elected in Madrid will probably resign. The judges had ordered the marquis of Cabrera to appear before the court of justice for having accused the municipal council of Madrid of corrupt practices. The marquis has refused to furnish the hall required, declaring that the charges he made are true, and that he would prefer to go to prison rather than furnish bonds.

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Republican Delegates-at-Large From Nebraska.

OMAHA, Neb., April 16.—The Republican state convention Wednesday selected as delegates-at-large the following: Peter Jansen, of Fairbury; T. B. Kennard, of Lincoln, and John L. Webster, of Omaha. They are instructed to nominate McKinley first, and all the time to be on the alert.

On the Trail of Murderer George Taylor.

ROGARD, Mo., April 16.—A fresh trail of George Taylor, the escaped murderer, has been held open in the neighborhood of David Minch, an uncle of the Taylors. A bed of straw was found and on it a coat once worn by George Taylor. A posse with bloodhounds has taken the trail.

British Troops for the Sudan.

London, April 16.—The Times says: "London publishes a statement on what it claims to be good authority that the government will send 10,000 British troops to the Sudan in the autumn for the purpose of reconquering that province."

To Prosecute Gen. Bartier.

ROCKVILLE, Md., April 16.—Sigmar Bock, military state attorney, has started for Massowah to prosecute Gen. Bartier, late governor of Erythrea and commander-in-chief of the Italian forces in Abyssinia.

A BATTLE

Between the Insurgents and Troops Near Pozo Redondo.

The Engagement Terminated in a Hand to Hand Encounter.

Rebels Fought Desperately With Machetes—Six Guerrillas Killed in a Fight Near Matanzas and Eleven in the Valley of San Antonio and Las Vegas.

HAVANA, April 16.—Col. Pintos reports that his command had a fight with a party of insurgents under Masso near Pozo Redondo, in the Havana province. The engagement took place in a hand to hand combat, in which the rebels fought desperately with machetes.

The result, according to Col. Pintos reports, was that the rebels lost ten killed, while the government force had only one man wounded.

At Winstead, Ct., Bertha Haskins, aged 11, and Alice Woodman, aged 9, were killed by a fire in the home of their grandfather, Nelson Bishop, with whom they lived.

The Farmers' bank of Matland, Mo., was robbed by three masked men, who blew the safe open and secured \$1,000. The robbers were armed with pistol and shotgun.

The entire plant of the Michigan Beef and Provision Co., Detroit, Mich., was destroyed Wednesday morning, causing a loss of \$60,000 on the plant and \$25,000 on its contents.

Commissioner Eva Booth, who is a sister of Ballington Booth and who represents the government of the United States to the Republic of China, was surprised by a party of rebels 1,000 strong under the leader Casillas. They made a brave defense, but only three of them were wounded.

Colonel Pintos, of the Cuban army, was called to the assistance of Col. Nunez to aid the government forces.

Lieut. Col. Debs and Capt. Forasabe have been promoted for their valor in the recent battle near Liechen.

It is reported that some of Macao's forces had attacked upon the Tropic near the south of the Tropic, but were compelled to retire by gunboat Almenares and the launch Dardo aided by a land force.

THE TREATY.

Between the United States and England to Appoint a Commission to Settle Sea Fishing Disputes.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—After a discussion of two hours, the commissioners, who had been in session since Wednesday morning, agreed to a treaty between the United States and Great Britain, providing for the appointment of a commission to settle the differences alleged to have been caused by the actions of the British government for the restoration of the seafarers who were seized by the government of the United States for alleged illegal sealing. The treaty provides that the government of the United States will be responsible for the payment of the expenses of the commission, and that the commissioners will be appointed by the United States and Great Britain.

The delegation selected by the democratic state convention held in Denver, Colo., Wednesday, to represent the party in the national convention at Chicago, carry with them their resolution, that both delegations be present for the restoration of the seafarers of silver.

Edward S. Richards filed a suit for \$1,000,000 damages in the federal court, Chicago, Wednesday against the Grand Trunk Railroad, alleging infringement of his patent for a transhipping apparatus.

The bill complains that the railroad is using his invention without paying him any royalty.

The Cleveland Defeat the Quines.

QUINCY, Ill., April 16.—The Cleveland Indians defeated Quincy Wednesday by a score of five to four.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—For Ohio—Fair Thursday, with light to fresh southerly winds; slight changes in temperature.

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THE MARKETS.

CINCINNATI, April 16.—The market was closed.

CINCINNATI—Spartan, No. 1, \$1.75; fancy, \$1.80; spring, family, \$1.75; winter, pattern, \$1.80; fancy, \$1.80; \$3.50; \$5; \$7.50; \$10; extra, \$1.80; 100 lb. grade, \$2.00; 250, two, no. 2, \$1.80; \$3.50; \$5; \$7.50.

CORAL—S. white, \$1.80; 100 lb. grade, \$2.00; select butchers', \$1.80; \$7.50; fat to good packers', \$1.80; \$7.50; fat to good light, \$1.80; \$7.50; \$10; \$20; \$30; \$50; \$100; \$200; \$300; \$500.

CATTLE—Good to good in choices, \$1.35; \$24.00; \$30.00; \$35.00; \$38.00; \$40.00; \$42.00; \$45.00; \$48.00; \$50.00; \$52.00; \$54.00; \$56.00; \$58.00; \$60.00; \$62.00; \$64.00; \$66.00; \$68.00; \$70.00; \$72.00; \$74.00; \$76.00; \$78.00; \$80.00; \$82.00; \$84.00; \$86.00; \$88.00; \$90.00; \$92.00; \$94.00; \$96.00; \$98.00; \$100.00; \$102.00; \$104.00; \$106.00; \$108.00; \$110.00; \$112.00; \$114.00; \$116.00; \$118.00; \$120.00; \$122.00; \$124.00; \$126.00; \$128.00; \$130.00; \$132.00; \$134.00; \$136.00; \$138.00; \$140.00; \$142.00; \$144.00; \$146.00; \$148.00; \$150.00; \$152.00; \$154.00; \$156.00; \$158.00; \$160.00; \$162.00; \$164.00; \$166.00; \$168.00; \$170.00; \$172.00; \$174.00; \$176.00; \$178.00; \$180.00; \$182.00; \$184.00; \$186.00; \$188.00; \$190.00; \$192.00; \$194.00; \$196.00; \$198.00; \$200.00; \$202.00; \$204.00; \$206.00; \$208.00; \$210.00; \$212.00; \$214.00; \$216.00; \$218.00; \$220.00; \$222.00; \$224.00; \$226.00; \$228.00; \$230.00; \$232.00; 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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE



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Occurring at ORANGEBURG.

What The Ledger's Correspondent Records From That Pleasant vicinity.

Our school closed Friday.

Rev. James Tomlin is improving.

Albert Warden has gone to West Union to attend the fair.

Dr. Gaines is still improving. A nice fence now incloses his lots.

Charles Burress has moved from H. T. Warden's to John Valentine's farm.

Rev. Thomas Glasscock of Ohio was the guest of Dr. Gaines one day last week.

The school is still in session, and will remain there for another quarter.

Mrs. Miller Willett and family visited their father and mother from Friday till Sunday.

R. G. Bullock, D. G. Wilson and J. T. Gaines attended the Convention Monday in Mayville.

Mr. Turnipseed will remain here until after the entertainment to be given by the Literary Society.

The Christian Endeavor Club will hold memorial services next Sunday evening on account of the death of Rev. Smither, who was a member.

FLOTSAM—JETSAM—LIGANI:

NEWSY NOTES FROM NATURE'S GREAT HIGHWAY.



The Resolute broke a shaft at Sister'sville Tuesday.

The Keystone State is the packet for Pittsburgh tonight.

The John Morris and I. N. Banton passed to Pittsburgh with empties.

The Falie is coming with eight model barges of rails, cotton and pipe.

Capt. John A. Wood expects to have the Dase Wood afloat in a day or two.

The Ark, Belle McGowan and Percy Kelsay with tons passed down from above.

The United States Golden Rod passed up on her peridental light inspection trip yesterday morning.

The F. A. Goebel is running the Pittsburg and Charlerie trade in opposition to the streetcars.

The Saturday trip of the Hudson is the most desirable for pleasure parties desiring to spend Sunday on the river.

Heavy tons of manufactured iron will get out on the present rise from Pittsburg. There will also be a run of coal.

The pretty and serviceable Cumberland river packet Burnside, just completed at the Marine Ways in Fulton, underwent an inspection by the United States local inspectors, who pronounced it one of the best marine jobs turned out at the ways of its character. She is a Cincinnati enterprise and will be used in the connection with the Ohio and Mississippi River between Burnside, on the Cumberland, to Nashville. She is neat and commodious from stem to stern and as staunch as good material can make her. She left Wednesday for her new home with a cargo of salt.

The following is the condition of the Ohio river and tributaries up to 6:30 o'clock last evening:

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Brownsville, Pa.—River 8 feet and falling.

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